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SUBJECT The Falklands

JACK ANDERSON: Argentina shocked the world by invading the Falkland Islands last week. Well, I've now learned why.

Here is the Inside Story.

A flotilla of 40 British ships is sailing toward the Falkland Islands off the coast of Argentina. Its mission is to retake the islands seized last week by the Argentine military.

The unanswered question in everyone's mind is why did Argentina do it.

Well, I've seen a top secret CIA report that gives the likely answer. The report says that Argentina has used the dispute over the British ruled island to, I am quoting, divert public attention from domestic strike.

Another top secret report spells out an additional reason, I am quoting, the Argentines wish to lay the basis for a claim in oil deposits believed to exist near the Falklands. They believe there is enough oil in the surrounding waters to call the Falklands a new Kuwait. If Argentina succeeds in keeping the islands it could claim rights to the oil finds in the area 200 miles off its shore.

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